

## OIB - P-3 Orion 04/17/17 Science Report

**Aircraft:**

[P-3 Orion](#) ([See full schedule](#))

**Date:**

Monday, April 17, 2017

**Mission:**

OIB

**Mission Location:**

Thule, Greenland

**Mission Summary:**

Mission: Humboldt 01 (priority: high)

This mission is designed to repeat two historical ATM lines which follow flowlines down the Humboldt Glacier, and several descending ICESat tracks which parallel the terminus. We also fly the GrIT traverse route between Thule and Camp Century, as well as an associated and collocated field site known as ?2 Barrels?.

Weather in northwest Greenland today was again dominated by weak outflow, giving us a smooth ride and clear skies. The only exception was for approximately 30-40 km of the line between the upper end of the GrIT traverse and Camp Century, which were covered by a very thin stratus deck at around 1000' above the surface. The ATMs were able to see through this layer much of the time, and of course the radars were not affected. Overall we estimate our total data return today at 99%.

All instruments performed well.

**Data volumes:**

Accumulation Radar: 1.4 Gb

ATM: 159 Gb

CAMBOT: 43 Gb

DMS: 97 Gb

FLIR: 16 Gb

KT19: 10 Mb

MCoRDS: 1.8 Tb

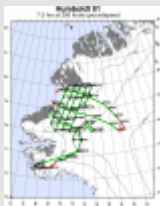
Narrow Swath ATM: 28 Gb

Snow Radar: 1.4 Tb

total data collection time: 7.4 hrs

**Images:**

### Map of Humboldt 01



Map of today's flight.

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### Humboldt icebergs



Tabular icebergs directly in front of the northern, and most active, portion of Humboldt Glacier's calving front. One of the icebergs is partially capsized.

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## Polar bear tracks



Fresh sets of polar bear tracks on the sea ice in front of the southern terminus of Humboldt Glacier. We see many sets of bear tracks in this particular location every time we fly over this area.

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## Hiawatha Glacier



Land-terminating Hiawatha Glacier (left center) emerging from its semicircular parent ice lobe.

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### Submitted by:

John Sonntag on 04/17/17

### Related Flight Report:

## P-3 Orion 04/17/17

### Flight Number:

Science Flight #24-Humboldt 01(High Priority)

### Payload Configuration:

OIB Arctic

### Nav Data Collected:

No

### Total Flight Time:

7.8 hours

### Submitted by:

Cate Easmunt on 04/17/17

### Flight Segments:

<b>From:</b>	BGTL	<b>To:</b>	BGTL
<b>Start:</b>	04/17/17 11:00 Z	<b>Finish:</b>	04/17/17 18:46 Z
<b>Flight Time:</b>	7.8 hours		
<b>Log Number:</b>	<a href="#">17P006</a>	<b>PI:</b>	Nathan Kurtz
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Bruce Tagg - NASA - SMD - ESD Airborne Science Program		
<b>Purpose of Flight:</b>	Science		

### Flight Hour Summary:

	17P006
<b>Flight Hours Approved in SOFRS</b>	333.6

<b>Total Used</b>				307.1	
<b>Total Remaining</b>				26.5	
<b>17P006 Flight Reports</b>					
<b>Date</b>	<b>Flt #</b>	<b>Purpose of Flight</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Running Total</b>	<b>Hours Remaining</b>
<a href="#">02/24/17</a>	Airworthiness Test Flight	Check	1	1	332.6
<a href="#">02/26/17</a>	Project Test Flight #1	Check	4.9	5.9	327.7
<a href="#">02/27/17</a>	Project Test Flight #2	Check	3	8.9	324.7
<a href="#">03/07/17</a>	Transit Flight	Transit	8.2	17.1	316.5
<a href="#">03/09/17</a>	Science Flight #1 - North Pole Transect	Science	8	25.1	308.5
<a href="#">03/10/17</a>	Science Flight #2 - Laxon Line	Science	8.5	33.6	300
<a href="#">03/11/17 - 03/12/17</a>	Science Flight #3 - Chukchi West Line	Science	8	41.6	292
<a href="#">03/12/17 - 03/13/17</a>	Science Flight #4 - North Beaufort Loop Line	Science	8.1	49.7	283.9
<a href="#">03/14/17 - 03/15/17</a>	Science Flight #5 - East Beaufort Loop Line	Science	8	57.7	275.9
<a href="#">03/20/17</a>	Science Flight #6 - Sea Ice South Basin Transect (to Thule)	Science	8.1	65.8	267.8
<a href="#">03/22/17</a>	Science Flight #7 - North Flux 02	Science	7.9	73.7	259.9
<a href="#">03/23/17</a>	Science Flight #8 - Zig Zag West Line	Science	7.9	81.6	252
<a href="#">03/24/17</a>	Science Flight #9 - CryoVEx Line	Science	5.8	87.4	246.2
<a href="#">03/27/17</a>	Science Flight #10 - Northwest Coastal A Line	Science	7.4	94.8	238.8
<a href="#">03/28/17</a>	Science Flight #11 - North Central Cap 01 Line	Science	7.6	102.4	231.2
<a href="#">03/29/17</a>	Science Flight #12 - Ellesemere Island 01 Line	Science	7.6	110	223.6
<a href="#">03/30/17</a>	Science Flight #13 - Ellesemere South Line	Science	7.9	117.9	215.7
<a href="#">03/31/17</a>	Science Flight #14- Alexander-Petermann Line	Science	6.5	124.4	209.2
<a href="#">04/03/17</a>	Science Flight #15- Zachariae 79N Fram Straight and BGTL ENSB Transit	Science	7.4	131.8	201.8
<a href="#">04/05/17</a>	Science Flight #16 - Svalbard North Line (High Priority)	Science	7	138.8	194.8
<a href="#">04/06/17</a>	Science Flight #17- Svalbard South Mission (High Priority)	Science	8.5	147.3	186.3
<a href="#">04/07/17</a>	Science Flight #18- Combined Zig Zag East Mission and Transit ENSB to BGTL	Science	8.3	155.6	178
<a href="#">04/10/17</a>	Science Flight #19- North Central Gap 3	Science	7.8	163.4	170.2
<a href="#">04/11/17</a>	Science Flight #20- CryoVex 2 (High Priority)	Science	7.8	171.2	162.4
<a href="#">04/12/17</a>	Science Flight #21-Northwest Coastal C	Science	7.2	178.4	155.2
<a href="#">04/13/17</a>	Science Flight #22-North Glaciers 02 Prime (High Priority)	Science	8.2	186.6	147
<a href="#">04/14/17</a>	Science Flight #23-IceSat-2 North/CryoSat-2 SARIn	Science	7	193.6	140
<a href="#">04/17/17</a>	Science Flight #24-Humboldt 01(High Priority)	Science	7.8	201.4	132.2

<a href="#">04/19/17</a>	Science Flight #25-Sea Ice - South Canada Basin (MediumPriority)	Science	7.8	209.2	124.4
<a href="#">04/20/17</a>	Transit Flight to Kangerlussuaq	Transit	3	212.2	121.4
<a href="#">04/21/17</a>	Science Flight #26-Southeast Coastal	Science	8	220.2	113.4
<a href="#">04/22/17</a>	Science Flight #27-Helheim-Kangerd	Science	7.8	228	105.6
<a href="#">04/24/17</a>	Science Flight #28-Geikie 01 (High Priority)	Science	8	236	97.6
<a href="#">04/26/17</a>	Science Flight #29-Devon-Bylot (Medium Priority)	Science	7.9	243.9	89.7
<a href="#">04/28/17</a>	Science Flight #30-Penny 01 (Medium Priority)	Science	6	249.9	83.7
<a href="#">04/29/17</a>	Science Flight #31-Thomas - Jakobshavn 01	Science	8.4	258.3	75.3
<a href="#">05/01/17</a>	Science Flight #32-Thomas - Jakobshavn-Eqip-Store	Science	8.4	266.7	66.9
<a href="#">05/02/17</a>	Science Flight #33-Thomas - ICESat-2 Central	Science	7.9	274.6	59
<a href="#">05/03/17</a>	Science Flight #34-Thomas - Southwest Coastal A	Science	8.3	282.9	50.7
<a href="#">05/05/17</a>	Science Flight #35-Helheim-Kangerdlugssuaq Gap B (High Priority)	Science	8.2	291.1	42.5
<a href="#">05/06/17</a>	Science Flight #36-Helheim-K-EGIG-Summit	Science	8	299.1	34.5
<a href="#">05/08/17</a>	Science Flight #37-Southeast Glaciers 01 (High Priority)	Science	8	307.1	26.5

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